Revised estimate for construction of Bridges, Road, etc., in Shimoga Circle

355. Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that some revised estimates relating to construction of bridges and roads are pending in the Department since last 6 years in Shimoga Circle ;

(*b*) the reason for such long delay ;

(*c*) the number of revised estimates for bridges and roads pending since 1961 in the Shimoga Circle ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The delay is mainly due to clarification required at various stages, collection of requisite information and data.

(*c*) Sixteen.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Next, call attention notice. Hon'ble Member is absent. Let us take it up in the end, after the Demand for the day are over.

Member's Representation

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Haribar).—Before the Hon'ble Deputy Minister begins to continue his reply, I would like to bring to the notice of this House as well as the Chief Minister about an article that has been published in the newspaper "Statesman" dated 25th March, 1968, that is just yesterday. It has also been translated into our local dailies. According to that the heading given is : "Congress Leaders resent Nijalingappa's Dual Role". There is a strong feeling that is developing in the Congress Party and even the Mysore M.Ps and others are very much worried about the dual part played by the Chief Minister and one thing they say is that : "This has given rise to rumours that Mr. Nijalingappa may also give up party presidentship and prefer to continue as Chief Minister. These rumours have persisted despite authoritative denials and, as senior party M.Ps. maintain, are doing great damage to the party." So far as this is concerned we are not interested about this or that. But what we are interested in this State, as Members of this House and as citizens living in this State is, we would like to know from the Chief Minister, the correct position as to this, so that feelings of uncertainty in our minds are taken away and we would be very happy, if what is stated in the paper is not true. The Hon'ble Chief Minister may tell us whether these rumours are true or not ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ (ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು).—ನಮ್ಮ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಿತ್ರರು ನಾನು ಇಲ್ಲೇ ಉಳಿಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅಭಿಮಾನದಿಂದ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿ ನನಗೆ ಪರಮಾನಂದವಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ನನಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲೇ ಉಳಿಯಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಇಷ್ಟವಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಸಲ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ನಾನು ಒಂದು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ, ಈ ಬಜೆಟ್ ಅಧಿವೇಶನ ಮುಗಿಯುವವರೆಗೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ತಾಳಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಆದಾಗ್ಯೂ ಕೂಡ ಇನ್ನೂ ಗಲಾಟೆ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ನನಗೆ ಬೇಕಾಗುವಷ್ಟು ಕಾಲ ನಾನು ಇಲ್ಲಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ನಮ್ಮ ಅಭೀಷ್ಟ ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗುವವರೆಗೂ ನಾವು ಗಲಾಟೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಲೇ ಇರುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ನಾನು ಇಲ್ಲೇ ಇರಬೇಕೆಂದಿಲ್ಲ, ಒಂದು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ವಹಿಸಿ ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಆದಷ್ಟು ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ನನ್ನ ಇಷ್ಟ. ಬಜೆಟ್ ಅಧಿವೇಶನ ಮುಗಿದಮೇಲೆ ಹೋಗಬೇಕೆಂದಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಹಾಗಿರುವಾಗ ಪುನಃ ಪುನಃ ಇದನ್ನೇ ಕೇಳಿದರೆ ಏನು ಪ್ರಯೋಜನ ?

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1968-69—DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

Demand No. 20-(31) Agriculture

(Debate Continued).

Sri D. B. PAWAR (Deputy Minister for Agriculture).—We have tried to attain self-sufficiency in Food. I was telling the House yesterday that we wanted to grow about 48 lakhs tons of foodgrains. It was our desire also to grow as much as 52 lakhs tons of foodgrains this year. Unfortunately, owing to bad seasons, we could not achieve this target. We have yet to receive the figures from the various districts. To achieve this target and attain self-sufficiency in food, I would say we will not be only content with self-sufficiency in food, we also desire to be surplus in food and with that desire we have a seven pronged scheme by which we can combat food shortage. Now I would like to tell the House the various schemes under the 7 pronged drive which we want to achieve.

The first is land development. Under this scheme, we want to develop various areas which are under irrigated crops. We want also to improve the lands by soil conservation and for this purpose I would like to quote a few figures regarding land development we have achieved during the past few years.

Sir, during the Third Five Year Plan we have covered an area of 67,909 acres of land under mechanical operation. Then under the manual labour, we have covered an area of 8,871 acres.

[Mr. CHAIRMAN (SRI S. D. KOTHAVALE) in the Chair]

During the same period we have covered 42,131 acres under soil conservation. In the year 1966-67, we have covered 9269 acres of land under the mechanical operation, and under manual labour 4701 acres, under soil conservation we have covered 2,87,000 acres of land. Similarly this year in 1967-68, we hope to cover 4000 acres of land under